

# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**September 2025**

## Village Diary

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm.  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> September 1 – 1.30pm  
Week commencing 27 September  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Pub night in the Village Hall  
Library Van at the crossroads  
Scarecrow Competition  
Bourn to Run

Tuesdays at 10-11am  
Wednesdays at 10.30am  
Fridays at 10.00am

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall  
Village Hall Coffee Morning  
Pilates at the Village Hall

## Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Black bin  
Blue and Green bins  
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## Editorial

This month's cover is a bit of self-indulgence as well as information. It is a picture of my son, who grew up here and returns every summer with his wife and children. They are posing under the PAUS sign. For those of you who might not know, PAUS is the business that rents the land, opposite the golf course, belonging to the Kingston Charity, which has been written about before. The trustees are Peter Reynolds and Donal O'Donnell. The on-site restaurant is open Thursday to Sunday and the views are well worth the visit.

Summer is definitely still here, but most fields have been combined and straw bales stand in abundance everywhere. We know farmers are having a hard time at the moment, but the sight of our fields still brings joy to most of us.

As we take up autumn activities and school starts once again, take time to walk out and enjoy the view!

**Miki Ellar** miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

## **Vicar's Letter:**

It is mid-August and already there is a carpet of dry leaves across part of my lawn, the first sign of the season's shift from summer to autumn as well as clear evidence of just how dry this year has been.

It heralds a change, not just in our gardens and the countryside, but also of our lives. The summer holidays are coming to an end, a new school year is just around the corner. In our churches, the main wedding season is ending – a reminder that we, like nature, live our lives in seasons.

The Bible's book of Ecclesiastes tells us there is 'a time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted'.

In our wonderful countryside, I am currently enjoying fruit plucked from trees and hedgerows as I walk my dogs. Daily I gather more tomatoes from the greenhouse. In short, revelling in all that nature provides at time of plenty.

At the same time, as a parish priest, I am constantly reminded of the seasons of our lives. There is the joy of celebrating the arrival of new babies whose parents bring them for baptism. But sadly, I am also spending time with those whose loved ones have died and who are making funeral plans.

Every season in nature brings delights. The new buds and fresh greens of spring, the long, warm days of summer, the glorious colours of autumn and the bracing chill and starkness of winter. In the same way we should seek enjoyment and reward from the seasons of our lives.

The writer of Ecclesiastes says: 'God has made everything suitable for its time'. And, he continues: 'I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live.'

So as you dig out the winter woollies and think about swapping salads for warm meals, reflect on the good things around you, the wonders of the changing seasons – and be thankful.

***Geoff Dodgson***

## **Institution and Induction of new Papworth Team Rector 1<sup>st</sup> September**

The Revd Matthew Philips will be instituted and inducted as the new Rector of the Papworth Team Ministry by the Bishop of Huntingdon on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at Holy Trinity, Elsworth at 7.00 pm.

## Kingston Church Services for September

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September Family Worship 10.45am

The church is open every day.

**Papworth Team Services** (HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, FW Family Worship)

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am FW at Bourn 3.00pm Pet Service at Longstowe

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30am HC at Bourn 10.30am MP at Caxton

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am HC at Bourn 9.00am HC at Caxton

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Harvest at Longstowe

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org) has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer.

**ZOOM Chapel Morning Prayer** (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

**Telephone service** on Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

**Team Prayer meeting:** St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard, 6.30pm, 1 & 29 Sept

### Church cleaning

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Henrietta Burbridge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Donal & Monica O'Donnell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Peter Reynolds
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Janet Clear
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Linda Rimmer

### Church flowers and brasses

Sept 7	Lee Steele
Sept 14	Monica O'Donnell
Sept 21	Janet Clear
Sept 28	Miki Ellar
Oct 5	Christine Allison

## Harvest Festival 11<sup>th</sup> October

Kingston's Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm.

## Highlighting heat pumps in Cambridgeshire

Heat pumps will take centre stage this year for Cambridge Carbon Footprint's Open Eco Homes: Winter Special.

From 26 Oct - 23 Nov, people from across the region are invited to discover for themselves what it's like to retrofit their homes to increase comfort, reduce carbon emissions and enjoy cost savings.

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<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/open-eco-homes/>



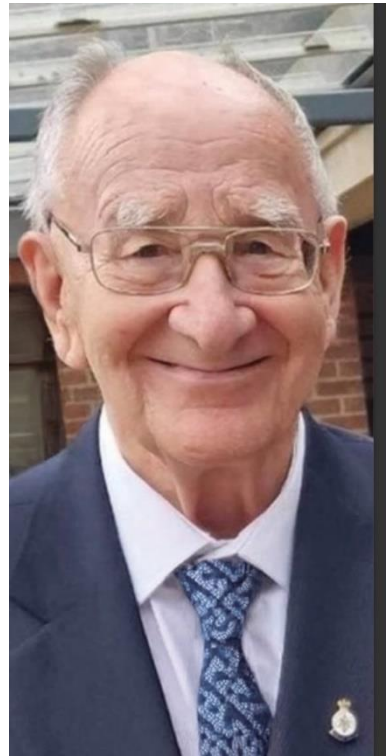
## Paul Frederick Walter Clark 7<sup>th</sup> April 1937 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Paul Clark was a familiar figure in Crane's Lane for the best part of sixty years before moving to Sawston with his wife Prudy in 2020.

Paul's life began in Great Eversden on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1937, the third of five children born to Frederick and Elsie Clark. He went to school (and to chapel Sunday School) in Haslingfield. He left with a love of sport and began work at the Atlas Stone Company at Whaddon, near Meldreth: his father and older brother John were already employed there. National Service intervened in 1955 and Paul joined the Royal Artillery, serving with Henry Cooper who later became the legendary boxing heavyweight champion. In 1958 he was transferred to the Military Police in Munich, the year of the 'Busby Babes' air disaster, when eight young Manchester United football players were killed. Paul would often reminisce about his army days, sometimes producing a photograph of himself with his 'old mate', Henry Cooper.

After his demobilisation in 1959 Paul returned to 'the Atlas' and the story goes that one day, when he was clocking on, his eyes met those of a young woman clocking off: it was love at first sight. This was Prudence ('Prudy') Coates, a Norfolk girl then living in Meldreth. A two-year courtship, conducted by bicycle from Eversden, followed, Prudy proposing marriage three times, but Paul anxious to save some money before tying the knot. Their wedding was solemnised at Cambridge Registry Office on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1962. The couple lived for a short time with Paul's parents and in a caravan at The Leetes in Little Eversden, but they soon found their home at Number 8, Crane's Lane. They had five children: four girls, Sandra, June, Janet and Sarah and a longed-for son, Barry. Paul's career took him to the cement works at Barrington, then he became a lorry driver for Quenby Price and later worked for Tylers and Agriplant of Bourn.

Paul enjoyed village life in Kingston and the Eversdens and seemed to know everyone in south-west Cambridgeshire. He was a Vice President of Eversden Football club (which Barry later played for): his responsibilities included running the line and making



sure the oranges were cut for half time. He would accompany the President, his friend Des Pope, for a well earned pint after Sunday morning matches, before returning to carve the Sunday roast (Prudy was a superb cook). His best friend ('my mate') was Vic Kester (like Paul a Great Eversden native) of number 5, Crane's Lane: Vic's early death was a great blow and often came up in conversation. Paul loved to chat – to anyone, about anything. He was well informed, particularly on local matters, reading 'the News' (i.e. *The Cambridge Evening News*) from cover to cover every day, beginning with the death notices. His typical opening gambit was: 'Have you heard about...'. He was also an assiduous reader of Kingston's *Parish and Church Magazine*.

Paul always kept in touch with his brothers and sisters and also with Prudy's family in Norfolk. He knew Cambridgeshire and the adjoining counties exceptionally well: a favourite destination was Cromer. He was a keen gardener, as were all his neighbours in Crane's Lane in the 1960s and 70s when both front and back gardens were usually devoted to vegetables. He loved his pets, homing cats – his favourite was 'Misty' – and at various times keeping chickens, budgies and rabbits. Most important was his beloved Bonnie, a black Labrador; he doted on her and would think nothing of buying her prime deli ham to eat. Paul was a lifelong Tottenham Hotspurs supporter and also followed cricket. If there wasn't a football or cricket match to watch on the TV, he would listen to his favourite DJ, Richard Spendlove. on Radio Cambridgeshire.

Paul's character was sociable and genial; he enjoyed banter, liked to laugh and joke; but he had a stubborn, combative side which occasionally led to disputes and fallings out with neighbours. Woe betide anyone who encroached on his space in the layby outside his house on Crane's Lane. As a father and family man he was old fashioned, supportive but at times a disciplinarian. The family grew to include fourteen grandchildren (one of whom sadly died in an accident) and six great-grandchildren: to these Paul was more indulgent. They, in turn, were devoted to him.

Paul did not enjoy good health and took early retirement about 2000. As the house and garden gradually became too much for them, Paul and Prudy reluctantly moved to sheltered housing at Chapelfield in Sawston in 2020. Prudy died on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, aged 82 (obituary *Parish and Church Magazine*, September 2023). The reading at her funeral was taken from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 31: 'A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.' Towards the end of his life Paul developed dementia and he moved to Symonds House Nursing Home in Linton where he died peacefully on 16<sup>th</sup> June, aged 88 years. The funeral service was taken by Andrew Bigby, a civil celebrant, at Cambridge City Crematorium on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

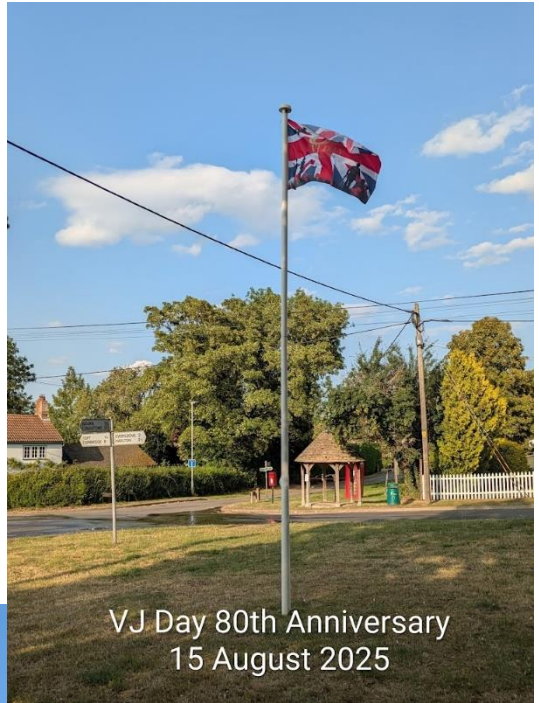
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**Peter Reynolds**

## VJ Day Anniversary

Grateful thanks to Janet and Sam Clear for raising a special commemorative flag on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day. A fitting tribute from all of us.

Thanks also to Tony Smart for the photos.



## Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival

Sat 13 September  
9.00am-5.00pm  
at Ditton Meadows, CB5 8ST.

Teams will compete on a 200m course, with bankside entertainment, food stalls and fun activities.

<https://dragonboatevents.co.uk/cambridge-dragon-boatfestival/>

In aid of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

Dear Kingston Village,

My name is Hudson-Grey, and I'm seven years old. I've come up with an exciting idea to organise a village Scarecrow competition. The funds raised from this competition will be used to help towards the village playground and any extra funds will go in supporting Hinchingsbrooke children ward toy Appeal, where my brother is treated.

I hope this competition becomes an annual event that brings joy and fun to our village. If it does, we could consider supporting a different charity each year.

This year, I'm planning to hold the competition from the 27<sup>th</sup> of September onwards. We'll have a week-long scarecrow show around the village, with the winner announced at the village pub night on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

The competition is open to all ages, and I'd love to see as many houses participating as possible.

There will be a prize for the winner.

This Year's theme is Movies.

If you have any questions or you would like to take part, please contact my mum at [harriet.pirie@gmail.com](mailto:harriet.pirie@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing all your scarecrows!

***Hudson-Grey Pirie***



## Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

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Web: [www.papworthteamchurches.org](http://www.papworthteamchurches.org)

Our Team Administrator, Revd. Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings, serving the parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals and general parish matters, please contact Chris (as above), visit the website or speak to one of our clergy.

The Revd Matt Phillips

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# SCARECROW COMPETITION



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## 15<sup>th</sup> Century Bourn Windmill Open Afternoon September 14<sup>th</sup>

See inside one of the oldest windmills in the UK, and have a go at pushing the windmill round on its post and riding in it when it is being pushed around! It's a fantastic day out for all ages, families and friends! The mill is open from 2pm, with last tours at 4pm. There is also a replica of the mill to see, restored by Cambourne Men's Shed, which was featured in a recent ITV Anglia broadcast and on the BBC website. Experience hands-on corn grinding with a quern and the guides will take you around the mill talking about its unique history, showing you its machinery, graffiti marks and so much more!

Refreshments are available with home made cakes, teas and coffee or cordials. Entry £4 adults, Children £1 (under 5s go free). CPPF members are free. Free parking in front field: Mill Cottage, Caxton Road, Bourn, CB23 2SU.



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Sunday 7 and 21 September  
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### Barton Road (A603) improvements

Works on Barton Road will continue for around 18 weeks. The road will remain open during the day, with night-time closures (8pm–6am) and a signed diversion route in place. A temporary footway has been installed to safely divert pedestrians and cyclists while works are ongoing on the main pathway.

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Peter Reynolds [peterreynolds299@btinternet.com](mailto:peterreynolds299@btinternet.com)

**The Institution and  
Induction of  
the Revd Matthew Phillips  
as Team Rector  
by the Archdeacon of Cambridge  
will take place on  
Monday 1 September 2025  
at Holy Trinity Church, Elsworth  
at 7.00pm**

It would be very helpful if you are intending on being there if you would kindly let the office know... so we can make sure we have enough refreshments!  
[papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com)



## Winter evening talks in the Village Hall

The committee plan to revive the tradition of inviting speakers to give a talk over the winter months. Mark Nicholls has kindly agreed give the first talk on “Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot: what we still don’t know”. This will be on 9 October at 8.00pm. We would like suggestions for further talks, perhaps either by a resident or on a local theme. Previous speakers covered a range of topics including our ancient woodlands, field names in the parish and the findings of local field archaeology.

*Paul Wright*

## Help shape the future of our pharmacy services

From helping us get prescriptions to giving advice on minor illnesses, pharmacies play a vital role in looking after our health and wellbeing.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board is running a survey to help them understand what people need from pharmacy services. Your views will help them evaluate and develop pharmacy services for our community. Have your say at <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/pna>


If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please phone 01733 747474 or email [PNA@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:PNA@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

The survey ends on 20 September 2025.

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illustrated talk by

**Stuart Orme**

(Curator of the Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon)

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